



Werrington Primary School

Newsletter

14th October 2020.



Wrap up warm

As an important part of keeping children safe, we are ensuring that all areas of the school are well ventilated – This means that windows and doors are kept open.

As winter approaches, we are suggesting that children wear an extra layer to help keep them warm in school.

We also suggest that children wear (blue) tracksuit bottoms and a blue fleece for PE, most of which will take place outdoors.

Whenever possible, break times will be outdoors so a warm, waterproof coat is essential



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Half Term

School closes at 3:20pm on Friday 23rd October for half term.

We re-open at 8:45am on **Tuesday** 3rd November.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month, an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years.

The month was originally founded to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations.

Now, Black History Month has expanded to include the history of not just African and Caribbean people but black people in general.

Children in every year group will be engaging in activities to celebrate Black History Month – keep an eye on our Blog for more details.

Safeguarding

For your information: every school must have a designated lead and deputy designated lead officer for safeguarding issues.

Mr. McLauchlan is our designated safeguarding leader and Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Bolton are the deputy designated safeguarding leaders.

If you believe that a child is at risk of significant harm or is in need, then please do come to talk to us.

If you feel that you can't do this, then please phone either Staffordshire County Council First Response Team on 0800 1313126 or Stoke on Trent Children and Young People's Services on 01782 235100.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



School Gates

If you pull into the school gateway to drop your child off in the morning, please stop this – It is extremely selfish and puts our children in danger



School Meals

If your child has a school dinner, please try to order their meal using our Parentpay app, regardless of whether it is a 'free' meal or a paid meal.

Our caterers have informed us that any order placed after 8am on the day of the meal might not be available and that an alternative meal might have to be provided instead.



Reception Class 2021/22

If your child is ready to start in our Reception class in September 2021, you will need to apply for a place – even if your child currently is in our Nursery.

Applications open on 1st November 2020.

Parents Evening

Under current restrictions we are unable to offer a 'Parents evening' this term. To compensate for this, staff will be sending a brief 'interim report' via Dojo during week commencing 19th October.

The report will cover how your child has settled into school, any areas in which they are 'shining' and any specific areas where you might help support your child's learning at home.

Contact Information

Please ensure that the school office has current, up to date contact details for your child so that we can quickly contact a parent or carer in case of an emergency.



COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence:

A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test result 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

A household includes everyone living in one home plus their support bubble (if you have one).

*Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of taste or smell.

See more at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...NHS Test and Trace / Local Authority Outbreak Control has identified my child as a 'close contact' of someone with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days Rest of household does not need to self-isolate unless they have also been identified as a 'close contact' of someone with a positive result 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days.</p>
 <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
 <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only people with symptoms* need to get a test People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

For further information: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

IMPORTANT

If you, or anyone in your household, shows symptoms of Coronavirus, please ensure that the whole household self-isolates until the person with symptoms has a test and that test produces a 'negative' result.